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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4: (canceled)

5. (currently amended) An ~~aehorable~~ anchorable guide catheter which is insertable 3 into a luminal anatomical structure, said guide catheter comprising:

a elongate catheter body having at least one lumen extending longitudinally therethrough;
an opening formed at a first location in said + catheter body, in ~~communications~~ communication with said at least one lumen;

a pressure exerting member formed on said catheter body, said pressure exerting member ~~being having a surface that is~~ engageable with the luminal anatomical structure to prevent the first location of the catheter body from moving within the luminal anatomical structure.

Claim 6 (original): The anchorable guide catheter of Claim 5 wherein said pressure exerting member is a balloon, and wherein said balloon is inflatable such that it will engage the luminal anatomical structure to prevent the first location of the catheter from moving within said luminal anatomical structure.

Claim 7 (original): The anchorable guide catheter of Claim 6 wherein said balloon includes a friction enhancing treatment upon a surface of the balloon which engages the luminal anatomical structure.

Claim 8 (original): The anchorable guide catheter of Claim 7 wherein said friction enhancing treatment on said balloon is selected from the group of friction enhancing treatments consisting of:

texturing;

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adhesive; and,
woven fabric.

Claim 9 (amended): The anchorable guide catheter of Claim 5 further comprising:
at least one engagement surface associated with said first lumen, said at least one engagement surface being operative to engage a second catheter which has been inserted through said first lumen such that said second catheter is thereby prevented from rotating independently of said balloon-anchorable guide catheter.

Claims 10-11 [formerly mislabeled as claims 7-8]: (canceled)

Claims 12-45 [formerly mislabeled as claims 9-42]: (withdrawn)

Claim 46 (new): An anchorable guide catheter which is insertable into a luminal anatomical structure, said guide catheter comprising:

a elongate catheter body having at least one lumen extending longitudinally therethrough;

an opening formed at a first location in said catheter body, in communication with said at least one lumen;

a pressure exerting member formed on said catheter body, said pressure exerting member having a surface that is engageable with the luminal anatomical structure to prevent the first location of the catheter body from moving within the luminal anatomical structure; and

at least one engagement surface associated with said first lumen, said at least one engagement surface being operative to engage a second catheter which has been inserted through said first lumen such that said second catheter is thereby prevented from rotating independently of said balloon-anchorable guide catheter

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Claim 47 (new): The anchorable guide catheter of Claim 46 wherein said pressure exerting member is a balloon, and wherein said balloon is inflatable such that it will engage the luminal anatomical structure to prevent the first location of the catheter from moving within said luminal anatomical structure.

Claim 48 (new): The anchorable guide catheter of Claim 47 wherein said balloon includes a friction enhancing treatment upon a surface of the balloon which engages the luminal anatomical structure.

Claim 49 (new): The anchorable guide catheter of Claim 48 wherein said friction enhancing treatment on said balloon is selected from the group of friction enhancing treatments consisting of:
texturing;
adhesive; and,
woven fabric.

Claim 50 (new): An anchorable guide catheter which is insertable into a luminal anatomical structure, said guide catheter comprising:

a elongate catheter body having at least one lumen extending longitudinally therethrough; an opening formed at a first location in said catheter body, in communication with said at least one lumen;

a pressure exerting member formed on said catheter body, said pressure exerting member having a surface that is engageable with the luminal anatomical structure to prevent the first location of the catheter body from moving within the luminal anatomical structure; and

a friction enhancing treatment fixed to the surface of the pressure exerting member that engages the luminal anatomical structure to enhance the engagement between the pressure exerting member and the luminal anatomical structure .

Claim 51 (new): The anchorable guide catheter of Claim 50 wherein said pressure exerting

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member is a balloon, and wherein said balloon is inflatable such that it will engage the luminal anatomical structure to prevent the first location of the catheter from moving within said luminal anatomical structure.

Claim 52 (new): The anchorable guide catheter of Claim 50 wherein said friction enhancing treatment on said pressure exerting member is selected from the group of friction enhancing treatments consisting of:

texturing;
adhesive; and,
woven fabric